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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA US. COURTHOUSE INDEPENDENCE MALL WEST 601 MARKET STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106-1797

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September 23, 1999

TAUHEED A. LLOYD CV4481 1040 E. ROY FURMAN HWY. WAYNESBURG, PA 15370-8090

Dear Petitioner:	
	This will acknowledge receipt of the following documents:
	42 U.S.C. §1983 Civil Rights Complaint
	28 U.S.C. §2254 Habeas Corpus Petition
	28 U.S.C. §2255 Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence
	28 U.S.C. §2241 Habeas Corpus Petition
	Writ of Mandamus
	Copy of Receipt for payment of filing fee.
	Other
	The case number assigned :99-CV-4738 and the caption is as follows: LLOYD V. SETLOCK, ET AL.

You will be advised of any further action and/or disposition.

Very truly yours, Michael E. Kunz, Clerk 3 copies"

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LLOYD A. TAUHEED

CIVIL ACTION

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TODD SETLOCK, INDIVIDUALLY AND : IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY, et al :

FILED OLD IN 1989.

NO. 99-4738

## MEMORANDUM

POLLAK, J.

Povember OCTOBER

, 1999

Plaintiff, a prisoner, has filed a <u>pro se</u> 42 U.S.C. §

1983 civil rights complaint against two correctional officers at
the Schuylkill County prison. He is alleging that he was
physically assaulted by the defendants.

For the reasons outlined below, the court will grant plaintiff leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and transfer this civil action to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Venue for actions under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 is governed by

28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), which provides that this action may be ENTERED

brought in: "(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides,

if all defendants reside in the same State, (2) a judicial DEC - 1 1999

district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions of GCOOFF

giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the

property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) a

judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there

is no district in which the action may otherwise be brought."

The alleged constitutional violation occurred in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, which is located in the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Since the claim did not arise in the

Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the defendants do not appear to be located in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, venue is improper in this court.

When venue is improper, as in this case, the court may, in the interests of justice, transfer the case to a district court in which it could have been brought. 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). Under the facts set forth in the complaint, the case could have been brought in the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a), the court will transfer the case to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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## ORDER

This 24 day of Detober, 1999, in accordance with the Memorandum filed this date, it is ORDERED that:

- 1. Leave to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED; and
- 2. The Clerk is directed to TRANSFER this action to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, along with a certified copy of the docket and all papers and the file in this matter. This transfer is without prejudice to the authority of the transferee court, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, to determine whether the complaint should be dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e).

BY THE COURT:

LOUIS H. POLLAK, J.